

**JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN  
COUNTIES**

**CHAPTER 1075**

H.B. No. 3321

**AN ACT**

**relating to jurisdiction of the county courts in certain counties.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 26.112, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.112. BAYLOR COUNTY. The County Court of Baylor County has the general jurisdiction of a probate court, ~~and~~ the general criminal jurisdiction of a county court, *and jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders* but has no other civil jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Section 26.151, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.151. COTTLE COUNTY. The County Court of Cottle County has the general jurisdiction of a probate court, ~~and~~ the general criminal jurisdiction of a county court, *and jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders* but has no other civil jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. Section 26.235, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.235. KING COUNTY. The County Court of King County has the general jurisdiction of a probate court, ~~and~~ the general criminal jurisdiction of a county court, *and jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders* but has no other civil jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. Section 26.238, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26.238. KNOX COUNTY. The County Court of Knox County has the general jurisdiction of a probate court, ~~and~~ the general criminal jurisdiction of a county court, *and jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders* but has no other civil jurisdiction.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2017: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

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**ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION FOR  
FOSTER CARE YOUTH**

**CHAPTER 1076**

H.B. No. 3338

**AN ACT**

**relating to the issuance of identification documentation for foster care youth.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 264.1211 to read as follows:

Sec. 264.1211. **RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE.** *The department in cooperation with volunteer advocates from a charitable organization described by Subchapter C, Chapter 107, and the Department of Public Safety shall develop procedures to ensure that a foster child obtains a driver's*

*license or personal identification card before the child leaves the conservatorship of the department.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**CREATING AN ABBREVIATED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM  
AND PROBATIONARY AND STANDARD CERTIFICATES FOR  
TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE TRAINING**

**CHAPTER 1077**

H.B. No. 3349

**AN ACT**

**relating to creating an abbreviated certification program and probationary and standard certificates for trade and industrial workforce training.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 21.0442 and 21.0491 to read as follows:

**Sec. 21.0442. EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR PROBATIONARY AND STANDARD TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CERTIFICATES.**

*(a) The board shall propose rules under this subchapter to create an abbreviated educator preparation program for a person seeking certification in trade and industrial workforce training.*

*(b) A person is eligible for admission to an educator preparation program created under this section only if the person:*

*(1) has been issued a high school diploma or a postsecondary credential, certificate, or degree;*

*(2) has seven years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding 10 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered;*

*(3) holds with respect to that occupation a current license, certificate, or registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement; and*

*(4) within the period described by Subdivision (2), has not been the subject of a complaint filed with a licensing entity or other agency that regulates the occupation of the person, other than a complaint that was determined baseless or unfounded by that entity or agency.*

*(c) In proposing rules for an educator preparation program under this section, the board shall ensure that the program requires at least 80 hours of classroom instruction in:*

- (1) a specific pedagogy;*
- (2) creating lesson plans;*
- (3) creating student assessment instruments;*
- (4) classroom management; and*